On numorous occasions and on more then not, I have seen where induviduals studied and passed the morse exam only to be able to operate on hf and never again use CW, in fact if you were to ask them to use it today they could not, a fact they will admitt to readly and will admitt they learned CW just to operate hf. I myself have never had an interest in learning something that I know I would never use. Myself I am more into the digital modes, which is also the modes that have drawn the interest of the younger people that happen to come by my shack. As for the statement that CW can be used as a filter, I don't belive this, just listen to 75 through 40 meters some time. In todays times does one really belive that in the time of an emergency that CW would be used to communicate, I doubt it. The statement that in times of poor conditions CW is the only mode to get through is no longer a valid statement, not with all the new digital modes that are even better at getting through the noise

Just my 3 cents worth...73...de...KØDLW...Dan